

## IV. SECONDARY DATA

Secondary data (information already collected by other sources for other purposes) is assembled each year by the State Office of Health Statistics and Information for McMinn County. This data includes county-specific birth statistics, morbidity or disease statistics and mortality or death statistics. The data covers a twelve-year trend and is provided in three-year averages to smooth the trend lines and eliminate wide fluctuations in year-to-year rates that may distort the true trends. McMinn County's data is compared to the corresponding state and Southeast Region (Bledsoe, Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, McMinn, Marion, Meigs, Polk, Rhea, and Sequatchie Counties) rates, national "Year 2000 Objectives," and includes rates for white, non-white, and all races combined. The secondary data used in the Community Diagnosis Process is described below, with graphs and tables used to highlight issues recognized as potential problems by the McMinn County Health Council.

### McMinn County Pregnancy And Birth Experience

- **Number of Births per 1,000 Females Ages 10-44** – The McMinn County birth rate increased between 1985 and 1996. The county's rate is equal to the rate for the Southeast Region, but lower than the state rate. Annually, women of childbearing age in McMinn County give birth to approximately 545 children.
- **Number of Pregnancies per 1,000 Females Ages 10-44** – The McMinn County pregnancy rate increased between 1985 and 1996 by 3.9%. Approximately, 656 women of childbearing age in the county become pregnant each year.
- **Number of Births per 1,000 Females Ages 10-14** – The McMinn County rate is decreasing, is equal to the Southeast Region's rate, but is lower than the State. Annually, about one birth occurs to a teenager 10-14 years old.
- **Number of Pregnancies per 1,000 Females Ages 10-14** – the county pregnancy rate for females 10-14 is decreasing. The rate is equal to the Southeast Region, but lower than the state. Annually, an average of three females 10-14 become pregnant.
- **Number of Births per 1,000 Females Ages 15-17** -- The county trend is increasing and is higher than the region and state. The county trend showed a 40.2% increase from 1985 to 1996. Annually, females 15-17 gave birth to an average of 37 children.

